

STATE FFA CONVENTION TOURS

ORDER TICKETS ONLINE <http://www.wisconsinffa.org/convention.cfm> or sign-up at the Convention On-Site Ticket Sales Table in the lobby of the Exhibition Hall. Each tour is \$5.00 per person (except the Olbrich Gardens tour). Limited number of participants per tour. Sign Up Early! Times listed include travel to and from site. Monday tours leave from Sheraton Hotel. Tuesday and Wednesday tours leave from the Alliant Energy Center.

Monday, June 12, 2006

1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Henry Vilas Zoo

Limit: 60 people

Did you know that the White Rhino has been around for the past 40 million years? Or did you know that what looks like a flamingo's knee, is actually its ankle? The Henry Vilas Zoo Tour provides 30 acres of animal exhibits from around the world and it's just a short ride from the State FFA Convention. Whether it's alpacas, elk, tapirs, primates, reptiles, or exotic birds that catch your eye, the Henry Vilas Zoo is sure to provide information and fun for everyone.

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

1:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Nevin Fish Hatchery

Limit: 60 people

The DNR Fish Hatchery supplies over 530,000 fish including brook, brown, and rainbow trout varieties. Come see how a DNR-operated fish hatchery works to raise and release trout. Also included in this tour are great ideas to bring back to your chapter about aquaculture programs. This is a great tour for anyone interested in natural resources or an aquaculture career.

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Limit: 40 people

This is a professionally guided tour that provides the option to view first-hand flower varieties from around the world. Olbrich Botanical Gardens is dedicated to the creation, conservation, and interpretation of gardens with plant collections present in the Midwest and native to the world's tropical rain forests. This tour will fulfill all floral enthusiasts' needs. An extra \$3 is added to this ticket for the admission and professional guide.

2:20 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.

Genetics Savings & Clone

Limit: 30 people

The "World's First Commercial Pet Cloning Service" is right in the "Only Waunakee in the World!" What about Fido you may ask? This company is researching viable cloning techniques for commercial canine use in the near future. This tour provides a detailed step by step process of how animals are cloned on a commercial basis. If you are interested in bio-technology, genetics, cloning, or pets, this tour would be a great experience.

Wednesday, June 14, 2006

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Agri-View Printing Press

Limit: 50 people

You may have read it. You may have even been in it. Now you can see where it all starts! Agri-View is an agricultural newspaper distributed all around the state and the whole process takes place just a few minutes from State FFA Convention. On this tour you will see the behind-the-scenes action that makes Agri-View what it is.

12:50 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.

UW-Madison

Limit: 50 people

Where does world class ice cream come from? UW – Madison cows of course! This three for one tour will include visits to the Livestock Barn, Poultry Lab, and guided tour inside the actual Babcock Dairy Plant. This tour will satisfy many interests as well as taste buds, so make sure to bring some extra money for some world class Babcock Hall ice cream.

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Kaltenberg Seed Company

Limit: 50 people

Help celebrate Kaltenberg Seed Co.'s 100 year anniversary! See how seed for corn, soybeans, wheat, and alfalfa is produced. This seed company produces over 159 varieties of seed varying from traditional to hybrid varieties. The tour will be conducted by Kaltenberg Seed Company President/General Manager Jack Kaltenberg himself.

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Water Treatment Facility

Limit: 50 people

Are you interested in manure digesters? The Madison Metro Sewerage District (MMSD) runs and operates its own digesters which produce methane gas used to heat buildings and generate electricity. During this tour you will also see how 99.8% of 42 million gallons of water gets treated into clean environmentally-safe water to support the environment. The other byproduct produced is a rich, liquid organic fertilizer with high nitrogen, phosphorus, and other plant nutrients called Metrogro. MMSD is one of the first companies in the nation to provide Metrogro directly to producers. If you're interested in Natural Resource Management or Soil Science, this tour is for you!